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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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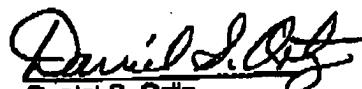
It is hereby requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Examiner's Action dated August 20, 2004, be extended one month from November 20, 2004, to December 20, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 60-1177 in the amount of \$120.00 for the one-month extension fee; this request is submitted in triplicate. Order No. 04-0668.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 60-1177.

Responsive action has been taken by filing a Request for Continued Examination simultaneously herewith.

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